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SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS AND US/JAPAN
GIFA.

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1. DEPT. IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING REPORTS OF JAPAN-SOVIET
FISHERY NEGOTIATION, AND UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTIES GOJ
IS FACING IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. PARA 2 REFTTEL INDICATES THAT GOJ MAY AGREE TO A
LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS WITHOUT GOING
THROUGH THE INTERIM AGREEMENT PHASE AS WAS DONE WITH USG.
ALTHOUGH THE FACT THAT GOJ MAY GO TO A ONE-AGREEMENT AP-
PROACH WITH SOVIETS IS NOT IN AND OF ITSELF TROUBLESOME
FOR DEPT. WE WILL RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES IF US-JAPAN LONG-
TERM AGREEMENT, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS SUBMITTED TO THE
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DIET IN PAST FEW DAYS, IS NOT ACTED ON IN AT LEAST THE
SAME TIME FRAME AS THE LONG-TERM JAPAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT.

3. THE US CONGRESS HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE SHORT-TERM
AGREEMENT FOR 1977 WAS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE CONSTITU-
TIONAL TREATY PROCEDURES OF JAPAN TO OPERATE WITH RE-
SPECT TO THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. IF THE GOJ ACTS ON THE

SOVIET AGREEMENT BEFORE THE US AGREEMENT, SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED BY THE US CONGRESS AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF THE WHOLE PROCEDURE THAT THE USG FOLLOWED IN THE US-JAPAN GIFA NEGOTIATIONS, AND COULD RESULT IN JEOPARDIZING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WHICH STILL HAS TO BE SENT TO CONGRESS PURSUANT TO THE OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS OF THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT. BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO REMIND THE GOJ THAT THE LONG-TERM US-JAPAN GIFA SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE GOJ AT THE SAME TIME AS ANY LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS, PREFERABLY SOONER. DEPT. UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTIES GOJ MUST BE FACING ON THE MATTER, AND HAS NO DESIRE TO COMPLICATE GOJ PROBLEMS; HOWEVER, IF LONG-TERM SOVIET AGREEMENT IS ACTED UPON SOONER THAN LONG-TERM USG AGREEMENT, GOJ GOOD FAITH WILL BE QUESTIONED DURING CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF LONG-TERM US/JAPAN GIFA.
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